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### SCIENTIFIC CLEANINGS.

The light of the full moon is three hundred thousand times weaker than that of the sun, when the latter is at meridian.

The hydrographic office at Washington is disposed to attribute the heat and drought in Europe this season to the scarcity of icebergs in the North Atlantic.

Petroleum, which is popularly supposed to be derived from coal, is, according to advanced science, more probably the result of the action of water on metal.

An ordinary transparent glass globe absorbs about ten per cent. of the light passing through it. Ground glass absorbs about thirty to forty per cent., and opal glass from fifty to sixty per cent.

SEN JONAS LUBBOCK says that "during the many years he has had ants under observation, he has never on any occasion seen anything like a quarrel between any two ants belonging to the same community."

WILLIAM ARON CHASLER, the American explorer, has just made his first contribution to the geography of a hitherto totally unknown part of Africa. During his last voyage of exploration he discovered the source of the Tana river, in East Africa, and for sixty-five days visited a region that had been wholly unknown to explorers.

### QUEER ACCIDENTS.

WHILE a baby was being photographed in Leominster, Mass., seven minutes after its birth, it spoiled the picture by sneezing.

A horse belonging to Tom Roe, of Waco, Tex., while grazing, became suddenly excited and madly rushed at his owner. Tom struck him on the neck with his fist and the animal dropped dead.

A long period of illness so depressed a horse belonging to Alderman Mack Bridge, of Sioux Falls, S. D., that the animal put his head through some harness hanging in the barn and then dropped to the floor thus committing suicide by strangulation.

JAMES KIRTLAND, of Royaton, O., saw his three-year-old daughter standing near a wall which was about to tumble. He dashed forward, bent over the girl to protect her from the falling bricks, and was instantly killed. The child received only slight injuries.

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD child fell into an old well more than thirty feet deep at Far Rockaway, L. I., recently and escaped with only a few bruises. The water at the bottom reached to her waist, in which she stood for more than an hour before being missed and rescued.

### FROM UNDER THE GROUND.

In the production of iron ore Michigan ranks first. Her product is nearly one-half the total of the entire country. It is stated that work at Iron Mountain, Mo., which has been going on for fifty years, is now suspended and that the deposit of ore is practically exhausted.

The largest gold nuggets found in Australia were the "Welcome," 2,920 ounces, and the "Stranger," 2,250 ounces, valued respectively at \$8,250 and \$7,400.

The most extensive and celebrated salt mine in the world is at Wieliczka, nine miles from Cracow, in Galicia, a province of Austria-Hungary. It has been worked continuously for six hundred years. The mass of salt is calculated to be five hundred miles long, twenty miles broad and twelve hundred feet thick.

### STAGE NOTES.

In Shakespeare's time the prices of admission varied from a penny to a shilling.

LAST season the Carl Rosa opera company made a profit of \$10,000, the first in several years.

MRS. EMMA NEVADA has been engaged for a series of "star" performances at the Opera Comique in Paris next autumn. This is a most unusual compliment to an American prima donna.

MRS. MONSIEUR carries in "Henry VIII." a handkerchief which is said to have been the property of Queen Isabelle. The handkerchief is one of the rarest pieces of old Spanish lace in existence.

### NICE, SOFT BERTH.

Candidates for the late Gen. Kelton's place are numerous.

Brig. Gen. Kelton, the governor of the soldiers' home near Washington, served during the civil war as assistant adjutant general. He was brevetted lieutenant colonel and brigadier general in 1865 for most valuable and arduous services both in field and at headquarters. He was appointed adjutant general in 1869, which position he held until a year ago, when he retired. The most prominent candidates for the position made vacant by Gen. Kelton's death are: Gen. D. S. Stanley,



BRIG. GEN. KELTON.

Gen. C. C. Augur and Gen. O. B. Wilcox—all three of whom are favored with the present administration. The governorship of the soldiers' home is not a salaried office, but the comfortable home, servants, horses and carriages, fruits and vegetables from the gardens, and numerous other benefits enjoyed are equivalent to an addition of several thousand dollars to a retired officer's pay. While the law permits the appointment of an army officer to the position, either active or retired, it has been customary to give the coveted place to a retired officer.

### What Became of Them?

According to the government statistics Canada imported from the British Isles no less than 350,000 immigrants during the ten years ending in 1891, but the recent Canadian census shows that only 26,159 are left in that country. The United States census gives much information as to what has become of them.

### TOLD BY HAGENBECK.

A Letter from the Famous German Animal Trainer.

He Explains the Difficulties of Training Wild Beasts—Patience and Courage Must Never Be Lacking in Those Who Handle Them.

Patience is the one requisite in the making-up of a successful animal trainer. In an active life in this field since 1852, writes Carl Hagenbeck in the Chicago Record, I have found that there is no animal, no matter how savage, that is not amenable to kindness.

The really difficult task in training animals is to get those of savage and those of domestic birth to associate without fighting. This can only be done by taking them when they are very young.

It perhaps looks easy to see a lion riding on a horse's back, but it requires long and patient work. In the first place the horse and the young lion are put in cages where they can see each other. After a few weeks they are both put in the same cage, but tied so they cannot reach each other. After a few weeks of this the young lion, which in the meantime has been trained to admit handling by the trainers, is taken to a larger cage with the horse. The lion has three ropes to its collar and is held. The reason for this is that, no matter how young, the lion will attack any domestic animal. And so on the process is kept up, and it is nearly always requires a year to properly train a lion.

Accidents are very rare. I never had one in my life. That which occurred to Miss Berg at Chicago the other day was largely her own fault. It would never have happened had she not made the mistake of appearing in a new costume, in which the tiger did not know her. The extreme heat weather may have also had its share in the matter, as animals do not stand the heat very well and then feel uncomfortable and nervous.

The most accidents with trained animals occur because people do not know how to handle them. Animal training must be studied, otherwise it is not possible to do it. You have to study the character of the animal before you can handle them. A good many



CARL HAGENBECK.

trainers of wild beasts have been hurt and killed because they did not know their business. It is the same thing all over if you get a man to handle an engine and he does not know anything about it, may be sure it will lead to an accident in some way or other.

To give a performance of the so-called wild-animal training you can need a lot of nervous animals, and if you do understand a bit of it you can make them jump and growl to make the strongest man nervous; but you must understand how to treat nervous animals—you must know how far you can go—otherwise they will kill you, and that is where the accidents occur.

I have been in the animal business since I was eight years old, when my father began it. I have handled more wild animals than anybody in the world and I have never been hurt. I once got a wild-captain Penang tiger. It was the most ferocious beast I ever had. Yet I tried to tame him, and five weeks after he arrived I got him to come to the front of the cage and I could touch him, but still I had to be careful.

The wild-caught animals can never be trained so that one can go into their cage. The high perfection of training can only be done by getting the animals very young and handling them from morning to night.

To make up a group of trained tigers I had an expense of \$50,000 only for a building to train them in. No one has an idea of the trouble and work to get wild animals to that perfection of training that they can be taken in the cage together with tame animals, such as goats, sheep and ponies.

Any animal can be trained if you get it young enough. Some you can only handle a certain time, for, when though some mistake they get nervous, they can never be used again. Others keep always quiet and get tamer the longer they are handled.

The capturing of animals while young is attended with great risk to human life. Trapping has not been as a rule successful. In the majority of cases the parent animals have to be killed to secure the young. I have agents all over the world who are constantly in communication with me and I have a large force of men traveling all the time. I am almost alone in the business. It is very risky, for it is impossible to tell how the animals will turn out and the change of climate often kills them. Once having exercised patience and trained the animals the trainer must never lose his nerve. Never for one instant must he let the animal see that he is afraid. That would be fatal. No matter what circumstances arise he must always be brave, firm, and, at the same time, have patience.

### Exploiting a Fallacy.

During a severe storm in Schley county, Ga., the other day, the house of A. L. Beckwith was struck by lightning at five different places and at five different times.

### The Size of Fortress Monroe.

The largest single fortification in the world is Fortress Monroe. It has already cost over three million dollars.

### What London Drinks.

According to a statement lately published by the London Mansion House the city of London drinks every year forty-five million gallons of malt liquor, eight million gallons of wine and four million gallons of spirits.

### No Help for Him.

"So the poor fellow is doomed to an early death."

### "How do you make that out?"

"Didn't you say he lived by his wits?"—Brooklyn Life.

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### DOLABELLE'S LETTER.

All About Stylish Weddings and Bridal Gowns.

Valuable Hints for Young Ladies Who Are About to Become Brides.—The Latest Bridemaids' Costume.—A Charming "Going-Away" Dress.

(Special New York Letter.)

There are two churches in this city which are especially consecrated to wedding ceremonies, one of them being Dr. Heber Newton's Church of the Heavenly Rest, up-town, where they are held in the most beautiful and comfortable of the city's churches, where Dr. Huntington presides. The last is on the corner of Tenth and Broadway, by no means a fashionable locality, but the congregation is very aristocratic and the edifice itself, with its pleasant parsonage and spreading shade trees, is like an oasis in the great commercial desert. The Bradley-Martin wedding, which placed a dual coronet on the brow of a simple American maiden, was conducted at Grace church. There is a vast amount of splendor and show at these weddings, and have seen gorgeous trains sweep up the carpeted aisles and watched with much interest the ceremony at which youth and love and money were all represented. There are violet hassocks for the happy pair to kneel upon, and violet velvet cushions to receive the ring with which they are wed.

Appropos of wedding rings, when the princess of Teck became the duchess of Kent, she gave the duke a diamond ring had this couplet engraved upon the inside:

"In God alone  
We two are one."

Perhaps the royal life progresses may recall another couplet of marriage folklore, that has a comforting significance:

"As the wedding ring wears  
So wears away all care."

But it is about wedding-gowns that I am prepared to write. The season of fall marriages is approaching, June and September being popular months. The marriage of a princess in July will be likely to popularize the mid-summer wedding in coming seasons; but the months of July and August are not favorite ones for brides, then being closed, and the friends of the family away at the summer resorts.

But about the wedding-gown. What a fortunate thing it is for womanhood that fashion does not interfere with the virginal white of the bridal toilet.

"Married in white,  
You have chosen all right."

We could have pink weddings, and blue weddings, but would any of these compare in elegance with the unsullied white which is the conventional color? The most arbitrary of dress dictators have never found any substitute for the entourage of white, in which the bride of each succeeding generation approaches the altar. This is fitting for a ceremony that is one of the most important in life. There is but little change, too, in the style, the long sweeping train, the bridal veil, the wreath of orange daisies being always in favor. So with the fabric of the wedding dress is composed. A handsome heavy satin, enhanced by lace, or an ivory-white-silk, a bengaline, or white crepe or mull, any



WEDDING GOWN AND COSTUME FOR GIRL BRIDEMAIT.

feature of the garment is the wreath of orange daisies which ornaments the princess waist on either side, joining the lace trimming on the skirt. A spray of orange blossom confines the veil at the back of the coiffure.

The child-bridesmaid, who is so prominent a feature of elegant weddings, is handsomely dressed, in the illustration, in a white crepe de sole, trimmed with white ribbons. A collar and sleeve ruffles of white Mechlin lace, and picture-hat of white lace with white plumes and satin ribbons.

The traveling dress, or, as it is now more uniformly called, the going-away gown, is the most important garment after the wedding-dress, as the bride makes her adieu to it and is again the observed of all observers. The one in the illustration was worn by a charming girl, bride of fifty-seventh street, who was married one week ago to one of our most exclusive men, and immediately sailed for Europe upon an extended



GOING-AWAY DRESS.

trip. The fabric was a rich chestnut brown, Irish poplin, with a real lace waistcoat, with only one waistband. The skirt was entirely plain, and the coat a masterpiece of the ladies' tailor who designed it. The round hat of fine brown straw was trimmed with yellow wings and loops of brown velvet, and a wreath of pink rosebuds was arranged under the brim.

Here is a description of a wedding in English circles, which occurred late in July. There may be some hints in it for those who contemplate marriage.

"The church was beautifully decorated with choice white flowers and palms, and the service was fully choral. There were eight bridesmaids, the youngest acting as train bearer. The bride was attired in white Duchess satin, with pearl trimming, and serpentine chiffon ruffled full court train of broad satin trimmed with orange blossoms, and a tulle veil over a wreath of orange blossoms. The train bearer wore white accordion-plated mousseline de sole. The bridesmaids wore dresses of white figured silk, trimmed with silver embroidery, the skirts being edged with ruffles; silver-brocaded Zouave jackets, with deep collars edged with silver trimming, and white mousseline de sole shirts, with sleeves to the elbow, composed of narrow ruffles. Their large white hats were trimmed with feathers and pink carnations, their bouquets being of the same flowers."



Girls you must not forget that in order to insure luck there must be "Something white and something blue, something old and something new."

This can be accomplished by one and the same article, something that has been worn before, but it would be a pity to imperil one's future happiness by not fulfilling the demand of the old superstition.

Bridemaids' dresses are made very simply of white chin, or other soft-silken fabric, with satin sashes, which again replace the waistband. The hat is the most decorative feature of the costume, and that is usually a large white lace straw, shaped to suit the individual faces.

White ostrich tips, algorettes and loops of white satin ribbon are used with a few flower ornaments next to the face. These must be carefully subordinated to the large bouquets of natural flowers carried in the hand.

For this season of the year the pretty white feather neck piece which curls around the throat and fastens under the chin with a big bow and long ends of white satin ribbon are stylish additions to a bride's costume. Indeed they are much affected by young ladies for fete and carriage dress.

Orange blossom, lilac, the valley, white roses, white carnations and orchids are among the favorite flowers for bridal bouquets.

In taking under advertisement an elaborate trousseau, I would suggest a few handsome gown, and a great quantity of fashion which in society circles render a last year's gown almost useless. This is a pity, but the true Duchess line of two widths. A novel

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